IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	4.
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Plaintiff,

8:17CR349

PRELIMINARY ORDER OF FORFEITURE

VS.

JULIE PAPPAS.

Defendant.

This matter is before the Court upon the government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 38). The Court has carefully reviewed the record in this case and finds as follows:

- 1. On April 30, 2018, the defendant Julie Pappas ("Pappas") pled guilty pursuant to a written Plea Agreement (Filing No. 37) to Count I of the Indictment and admitted the Forfeiture Allegation. Count I of the Indictment charged Pappas with knowingly conspiring to possess with intent to distribute 50 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. The Forfeiture Allegation in the Indictment sought the forfeiture, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853, of \$5,985.00 in United States currency seized from Pappas on or about October 4, 2017, on the basis the currency was used or was intended to be used to facilitate the commission of the conspiracy and/or constituted or was derived from proceeds obtained directly or indirectly as a result of the conspiracy charged in Count I.
- 2. By virtue of her plea and admission, Pappas forfeits her interest in the \$5,985 in United States currency and the government should be entitled to possession of said currency, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853.

3. The government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture should be granted.

IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. The government's Motion for Preliminary Order of Forfeiture (Filing No. 38) is granted.
- 2. Based upon the Forfeiture Allegation of the Indictment and Pappas's guilty plea, the government is authorized to seize the \$5,985 in United States currency.
- 3. Pappas's interest in the \$5,985 in United States currency is hereby forfeited to the government for disposition in accordance with the law, subject to the provisions of 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1).
- 4. The aforementioned currency is to be held by the government in its secure custody and control.
- 5. Pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1), the government forthwith shall publish for at least thirty consecutive days on an official internet government forfeiture site, www.forfeiture.gov, notice of this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture, notice of publication evidencing the government's intent to dispose of the currency in such manner as the Attorney General may direct, and notice that any person, other than Pappas, having or claiming a legal interest in any of the subject currency must file a Petition with the Court within thirty days of the final publication of notice or of receipt of actual notice, whichever is earlier.
- 6. The published notice shall state the Petition referred to in Paragraph 5, above, shall be for a hearing to adjudicate the validity of the Petitioner's interest in the currency shall be signed by the Petitioner under penalty of perjury, and shall set forth the nature and extent of the Petitioner's right, title or interest in the subject currency and any additional facts supporting the Petitioner's claim and the relief sought.
- 7. The government may also, to the extent practicable, provide direct written notice to any person known to have an interest in the currency subject to this Preliminary Order of Forfeiture as a substitute for published notice as to those persons so notified.

8. Upon adjudication of all third-party interests, this Court will enter a Final Order of Forfeiture pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n), in which all interests will be addressed.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

Robert F. Rossiter, Jr.,

United States District Judge